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PATENT APPLICATION *Election*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63452

EN, HONCHIN, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/787,139

Group Art Unit: 2827

Confirmation No.: 6279

Examiner: Jeremy C. Norris

Filed: March 14, 2001

For: PRINTED WIRING BOARD AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD

ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Election is in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, in which the Examiner set forth a one-month period for response, making a response timely if filed on or before November 2, 2002.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants elect claims 9-13, 22-26, 32, 37, 38 and 40-46, drawn to printed circuit boards, for initial examination. This election is made with traverse.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the basis that the groupings of claims in the Office Action dated October 2, 2002 contained errors. For example, Group 1, identified by the Examiner as being drawn to a printed circuit board, contained process claims 1-8. Additionally, the Examiner did not include

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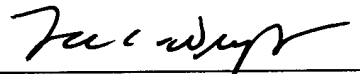
claim 47 in any group. Further, Applicants note that the present application is a national stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

During a brief telephone call with Examiner Norris, Applicants representative confirmed that the Examiner would reconsider the restriction requirement and the groupings of claims. As noted above, Applicants wish to elect the claims drawn to printed circuit boards. Applicants believe that the elected group should include claims 9-13, 22-26, 32, 37, 38 and 40-46. If the Examiner does not agree with the grouping of claims, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to further discuss the restriction requirement.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-8, 14-21, 27-31, 34-36, 39 and 47.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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